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TESTIMONY FOR THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

RE: Nomination of Dr. Henry A. Kissinger as U.S. Secretary of State

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and repressive regimes. Americans have learned with dismay about
practices of the Park government in South Korea and the Marcos government
in the Philippines. As long as these regimes draw support from our policies, how
can we claim to be a people that can be counted on to support independence and
self-determination? We are increasingly seen abroad, as well as by some critics
at home, as the new imperialists ready to use or support military intervention
in an effort to preserve the brand of governments we favor.

Just now, in Chile, with its record of 42 uninterrupted years of democratically-
elected administration, the elected government has been crushed by the Armed Forces
and the President of that country lies dead. But from the Administration and the
Secretary of State-designate there has been no word deplored the violent interruption
of a constitutional government or offering sympathy to the Chilean people on the
death of their President, Allende. There seems to be a policy of silence, if
nothing more, as the number of democratically elected regimes in Latin America
drop down to a total of four.

I would respectfully suggest that this committee learn from Dr. Kissinger his
role in deciding on our public silence toward Chile, his attitude toward the
military takeover there, and his thinking about future U.S. policy toward Chile.

I do not need to point out to members of this Committee that the United States
today is in a crisis of government. We must also acknowledge that we are in a
moral crisis. Is the work of the U.S. Government to be carried on in secrecy and
by illegal and unconstitutional means? Or is it to be a healthy government, an
open one, in which our Representatives and citizens can effectively debate the
great issues of the day? Are we to have government leaders who do not lie to us?
Who do not place us under surveillance? Or tap our telephones? Are our civil
rights and liberties to have meaning?